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In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/156,580

Filed: September 18, 1998

For: METHOD FOR SHORTENING INTERNODE OF INFLORESCENCE BY INTRODUCING PETUNIA

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Sir:

Applicants, through their undersigned attorneys, hereby petition the Assistant Commissioner for Patents for a one-month extension of time from May 17, 2000 to June 17, 2000 in which to respond to the Office Action mailed February 17, 2000.

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge the extension fee of \$110.00 to Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please also charge any additional fees remaining or credit any overpayment in this application to the aforementioned deposit account. This Petition is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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